

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Delfasco Forge Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas

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**U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)
Superfund Community Involvement Program is committed
to promoting communication between citizens and the Agency.
Active public involvement is crucial to the success of any public project.
EPA's Community Involvement activities at the

**Delfasco Forge
114 NE 28th Street
Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas**

are designed to
inform the public of the nature of the environmental issues associated with the site,
involve the public in the decision-making process that will affect them,
involve the public in the responses under consideration to remedy these issues, and
inform the public of the progress being made to implement the remedy.

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SECTION 1.0 OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed this Community Involvement Plan to facilitate two-way communication between the community surrounding the Delfasco Forge Site and EPA and to encourage community involvement in site activities. EPA will utilize the community involvement activities outlined in this plan to ensure that residents are continuously informed and provided opportunities to be involved.

This Community Involvement Plan addresses the Delfasco Forge Site's relationship to the community and EPA (Section 2.0), provides a background of the community (Section 3.0), presents EPA's community involvement program (Section 4.0), and provides a listing of resources available (Appendices). EPA drew upon several information sources to develop this plan, including community interviews and site files. The EPA's Regional Office will oversee the implementation of the community involvement activities outlined in this Plan.

SECTION 2.0 CAPSULE SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site History

Delfasco Forge is a former forge and foundry facility. Delfasco Forge Division operated at 114 NE 28th Street, Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas, from 1981 to 1997. Delfasco performed steel and iron forging, metal fabrication, and machining operations. Delfasco used Trichloroethylene (TCE) as a degreaser in its operation. Investigations conducted from 2003 to 2005 indicated that a release of TCE had occurred and the TCE had reached the ground water. The contamination plume in the ground water extends under 65 acres of a residential neighborhood adjacent to the Site.

2.2 Site Description/Location

The Site, including the residential neighborhood, is bounded by NE 28th Street to the west, Bowles Street to the north, Hensley Drive to the east, and E Main Street to the South. The actual perimeter of the Site is subject to change as the ground water plume and the soil vapor plume are better defined. The Site is comprised of up to 500 homes and businesses situated above the ground water plume. TCE vapors from the contaminated ground water are migrating through the soil and into the homes and businesses. An investigation conducted by EPA revealed elevated TCE in homes. The concentration of TCE in some of the homes exceeded the action level for TCE vapors in residences. Only 18 of the 500 homes were sampled. Additional vapor plume definition and in home sampling will occur concurrently with this action.

2.3 Site Inspections and Cleanup Activities

TCE has been found in the ground water under the homes and the source has been identified as the former Delfasco Forge facility. TCE is a hazardous constituent under 40 C.F.R. Part 261. TCE is a characteristic hazardous waste at concentrations at or above 0.5 milligrams

per liter (hazardous waste code D040) and a potentially ignitable hazardous waste (hazardous waste code D001). TCE is also a listed hazardous waste when used in degreasing (hazardous waste code F001).

The Site is not on the NPL. Currently, information is being gathered for the Hazard Ranking System for potential inclusion on the NPL. The Site was a participant in the State of Texas Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). That participation was to address the ground water plume. The State of Texas has worked with Delfasco under their VCP. The VCP agreement is expected to be discontinued.

Additional sampling and investigation is being conducted to define the extent of the soil vapor plume. Additional sampling of indoor air will be conducted to identify additional homes affected by the vapor intrusion. The concentration of TCE in homes is dependent on seasonal weather. The homes are closed up in cooler weather and the concentration of TCE is expected to be higher in the winter. Therefore, additional indoor samples will be taken in the winter.

SECTION 3.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

3.1 Community Profile

Grand Prairie is located between Dallas and Fort Worth. Prior to 1863, it was a stop on the stage coach line between Dallas and Fort Worth, and served as an Indian Trading Post. Grand Prairie was incorporated as a city in 1909. Today, it has a population of nearly 170,000 and comprises an area of 81 square miles.

3.2 History of Community Involvement

A meeting was held on August 5, 2008 with the City of Grand Prairie. The meeting was attended by the Grand Prairie City Manager, City Councilpersons, the Grand Prairie Environmental Department, representatives from EPA's Superfund and External Affairs, and a representative from Congressman Pete Sessions's office. The EPA outline their proposed work, and is planning a community meeting in early fall, 2008, to discuss EPA's sampling results.

3.3 Key Community Concerns

The community is concerned about (1) the public health of the community members in the area from potential exposure to the vapors; (2) the possible impact on property values; (3) potential future problems; (4) determining the source of the contamination and the removal of the source.

3.4 Responses to Community Concern

The EPA plans to study the area to determine the parameters of the soil vapor contamination, to mitigate homes where vapor intrusion exceeds the action level, sample other homes in the

vapor intrusion area, and retest homes during the winter for vapor intrusion when homes are closed up.

3.5 Summary of Community Needs

The EPA has proactively canvassed the local neighborhood to provide information about the removal operations. A website has been established to provide updated information which is also provided on all available fact sheets. Spanish translation is provided on all written materials, meetings, and phone conversations.

SECTION 4.0 EPA'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

The overall goal of EPA's community involvement program is to promote two-way communication between citizens and EPA and to provide opportunities for meaningful and active involvement by the community in the cleanup process. The EPA will implement the community involvement activities described below. The following plan is based on the results of the community interviews described earlier; it addresses each issue that was identified as being important to the community.

4.1 The Plan

Issue 1: Keeping the public informed and up to date

Activity 1A: Designate a Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC)

Objective: To provide a primary liaison between the community and the EPA, and to ensure prompt, accurate, and consistent responses and information dissemination about the site. In those instances where EPA's CIC may be unable to provide adequate information (such as on technical issues), inquiries will be directed to the appropriate EPA contact.

Method: EPA will designate an EPA CIC to handle site inquiries and serve as a point of contact for community members. The CIC is appointed by the Region 6 Headquarters. Stephen Harper is the EPA CIC assigned to the site. He will work closely with Greg Fife, EPA's On-Scene Coordinator.

Timing: The CIC was designated in July 2008

Activity 1B: Prepare and distribute fact sheets and technical summaries.

Objective: To provide citizens with current, accurate, easy-to-read, easy-to-understand information about Delfasco.

Method: Fact sheets will be mailed to all parties on the site mailing list. In addition, copies will be available at the information repository and in various cooperating business locations in the community.

Timing: EPA will prepare and distribute fact sheets.

Activity 1C: Involve students, parents, and teachers through area schools.

Objective: To educate faculty, students, and their parents about the site, to invite and address their concerns regarding it, and to caution students about the site.

Method: Address school faculty and students through visits and presentations to classroom, faculty, school assembly, or other meetings or events. Additionally, communicate with parents through take-home materials provided to the students and/or by attending and participating in PTA meetings or events.

Timing: As community concern warrants or at least every year until the site is closed.

Activity 1D: Provide a toll-free “800 number” for the community to contact EPA.

Objective: To enable citizens to get the latest information available when they want it, rather than having to wait for a meeting or a fact sheet, and without incurring any cost.

Method: EPA will activate the 800 number and publish it periodically in the local papers and in all fact sheets.

Timing: The line is currently operational – 1.800.533.3508.

Activity 1E: Maintain a mailing list for the site.

Objective: To facilitate the distribution of site-specific information to everyone who needs or wants to be kept informed about the site.

Method: EPA will create a mailing list that includes all residences adjacent to the site, in known or suspected paths of migration, or those otherwise affected by the site. EPA will also solicit interested parties via fact sheets, newspaper articles, public meetings, public availabilities, etc.

Timing: EPA will begin working on this mailing list immediately and will review/revise it periodically to keep it current.

Activity 1F: Establish and maintain Information Repositories.

Objective: To provide a convenient location where residents can go to read and copy official documents and other pertinent information about the site and EPA activities.

Method: The repository is a reference collection of site information containing the Administrative Record file, other site-specific information, the Community Involvement Plan, and the general Superfund process. The Community Involvement Coordinator will work with a local contact to establish the local repository. This repository will be accessible to the physically challenged, will have copier facilities, and will be available to residents during normal business hours and at least some evening and/or weekend hours. Additional repositories may also be established.

Timing: EPA established the local repository on August 5, 2008, located at the Bowles Branch Library, 2750 Graham Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. EPA adds new documents as they become available.

Activity 1G: Provide Site and Superfund information on the internet.

Objective: To provide key resources for searching and listing both general and specific information about Superfund and hazardous waste issues.

Method: A Site Status Summary for this site can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/6sf-XX.htm> (where XX = ar, la, nm, ok, tx). Information about EPA and Superfund can be found at

EPA headquarters: <http://www.epa.gov>.

EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6>

EPA Region 6 Superfund Division: <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/6sf.htm>

The air monitoring samples, site pictures, and other related site documents will be placed on the internet as they are completed.

Timing: Site Status Summaries are periodically updated.

Activity 1H: Establish and maintain the Administrative Record

Objective: To provide residents with a paper trail of all documents, resources, etc. used by the On Scene Coordinator and Site Team in reaching all decisions about the site and its cleanup.

Method: EPA will provide at least two sets of the Administrative Record for the site, one in the EPA Region 6 offices located at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202, and one located in the local Information Repository near the site.

Timing: The Administrative Record is opened as soon as site investigation begins and remains open until the site activities are completed.

Activity 1I: Conduct special events.

Objective: To educate citizens, add a sense of closure, highlight a major event or milestone, recognize significant citizen or PRP activity, etc.

Method: Community Meeting at the completion of vapor intrusion testing activities at the site.

Timing: The meetings are held as needed to keep the community informed on the activities.

Issue 2: Provide adequate and meaningful opportunities for community involvement.

Activity 2A: Hold public meetings.

Objective: To update the community on site developments and address community questions, concerns, ideas and comments.

Method: Refer to Appendix I for suggested meeting locations. The EPA will schedule, prepare for, and attend all announced meetings. The EPA will provide at least two weeks' notice of the scheduled meeting. The On Scene Coordinator, Community Involvement Coordinator, and other appropriate EPA staff will attend.

Timing: A public meeting is required during the Proposed Plan comment period (see below). The EPA will hold other public meetings as appropriate.

Activity 2B: Make informal visits to community.

Objective: To help keep community members informed about the site, while providing EPA with feedback about site activities and the community's opinions.

Method: The EPA will establish a presence in the community through informal, often unscheduled visits to talk spontaneously with local residents.

Timing: Throughout the clean-up process.

Activity 2C: Revise the Community Involvement Plan (CIP).

Objective: To identify and address community needs, issues, or concerns regarding the site or the cleanup remedy that are not currently addressed in the CIP.

Method: The revised CIP will update the information presented in the previous version of the CIP.

Timing: The EPA will revise the CIP as community concerns warrants or at least every three years until the site is closed out.

4.2 Time Frame Summary for Community Involvement Activities

| ACTIVITY | TIME FRAME |
|--|--|
| Designate an EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) | August 2008 |
| Prepare and distribute site fact sheets and technical summaries | Ongoing and as needed |
| Involve students, parents, teachers through area schools | As needed, at least annually |
| Provide a toll-free "800 number" for the community to contact EPA | Currently in operation |
| Maintain a mailing list for the Site | Ongoing |
| Establish and maintain Information Repositories | Established, update as needed |
| Provide Site and Superfund information on the Internet | Currently available; update as needed |
| Provide Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) information | Ongoing |
| Establish and maintain the Administrative Record | Established, update as needed |
| Conduct special events | As needed |
| Hold public meetings | As needed |
| Encourage formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) | Ongoing |
| Make informal visits to community | As needed |
| Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period | As needed and required |
| Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary | Following public comment periods |
| Revise the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) | As needed, at least every 3 years |

APPENDIX A
EPA REGIONAL CONTACTS

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Charles England

City Council

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Mark Hepworth

District 2

Jim Swafford

District 3

Bill Thorn

District 4

Richard Fregoe

District 5

Tony Shotwell

District 6

Ron Jensen

District 7

Ruthe Jackson

District 8

Rick Sala

City Manager

Tom Hart

Deputy City Manager

Tom Cox

Environmental Services Director

Jim Cummings

Environmental Quality Manager

Cynthia Mendez

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House District 104

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APPENDIX F
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACTIVE CITIZENS GROUPS

APPENDIX G
POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

APPENDIX H MEDIA CONTACTS

Television Stations:

KDFW (Channel 4)
400 N Griffin St
Dallas TX 75202
214.720.4444

KXAS (Channel 5)
3100 McKinnon
Dallas TX 75201
214.745.5555

KTVT (Channel 11)
10111 N Central Expressway
Dallas TX 75231
214.739.1199

KERA (Channel 13)
3000 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas TX 75201
972.263.3151

Radio Stations (AM)

KLIF (570)
3500 Maple Ave
Dallas TX 75219
214.526.2400

KKDA (730)
621 NW 6th St
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.263.9911

KRLD (1080)
4131 N Central Expressway
Dallas TX 75204
214.525.7000

MEDIA (continued)

Radio Stations (FM)

KERA (90.1)
3000 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas TX 75201
214.871.1390

WRR (101.1)
1516 First Ave
Dallas TX 75210
214.670.8888

KVIL (103.7)
4131 N Central Expressway
Ste 1000
Dallas TX 75204
214.787.1037

KOAI (107.5)
4131 N Central Expressway
Ste 1200
Dallas TX 75204
214.526.9870

**APPENDIX I
MEETING LOCATIONS**

SCHOOLS

Elementary

Austin Elementary
215 NW 7th Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.4615

Eisenhower Elementary
2102 N Carrier Pkwy
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.3171

Fannin Elementary
301 NE 28th Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.8668

Garcia Elementary
2444 Graham Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.237.0001

Sam Houston Elementary
1502 College Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.8629

Travis Elementary
525 NE 15th Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.2990

Middle

Adams Middle School
833 W Tarrant Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.262.1934

Schools (continued)**Ninth Grade Center**

Grand Prairie High School Ninth Grade Center
102 High School Drive
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.237.5603

High School

Grand Prairie High School
102 High School Drive
Grand Prairie TX 75050
972.809.5711

Alternative School

Lamar Alternative Education Program
2099 Walnut Street
Grand Prairie TX 75050
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**APPENDIX J
REPOSITORY LOCATIONS**

LIBRARY

Local Repository:

Bowles Branch Library
2705 Graham Street
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APPENDIX K
OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES